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# Agreement Concerning the Student Government of Sweet Briar College

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## Our Petition.

The students of Sweet Briar College, believing that there is dignity and honor in student government, desire individual and community responsibility for the conduct of the students in matters not strictly academic.

We, therefore, petition the President and Faculty for legislative and executive control in certain matters. We ask:

### I.

Right to control quiet and promptness in all places about the buildings and campus, that are not under the immediate control of a member of the Faculty.

### II.

Right to control the outdoor exercise of the students.

### III.

Permission, with the advice and approval of the Faculty, to extend our power as occasion

arises, and we prove worthy to be vested with greater power and authority.

#### IV.

Permission to make such additions to the above as we may feel are necessary, with the consent and approval of the President and Faculty.

#### **Faculty's Reply.**

The Faculty of Sweet Briar College endorse most cordially the desire of the student body to assume responsibility for the conduct of individual students in non-academic matters. Therefore, the Faculty accords permission to frame a constitution embodying laws regulating the points specified in the petition—said constitution to be submitted to the Faculty for endorsement.

WHEREAS, We, the students of Sweet Briar College, desire to assume individual and community responsibility for the conduct of the students in matters not strictly academic, and whereas we believe that there is dignity and honor in student government, we do hereby, in accordance with the agreement between the Faculty and students, organize ourselves into an association.

# CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.

The name of the Association shall be the Student Government Association of Sweet Briar College.

## ARTICLE II.

The purpose of the Association shall be government by the student body in respect to:

1. Promptness at such collegiate exercises, and quiet and orderly conduct in such places in the buildings and on the campus as are not under the immediate control of a member of the Faculty.

2. Out-of-door exercise for the students.

## ARTICLE III.

All persons pursuing studies at Sweet Briar College and residing in college buildings are active members of the Association.

## ARTICLE IV.

SECTION I. In accordance with the resolution of the Faculty, dated October 20, 1906, the Association is empowered to deal with the conduct of the students, both individually and collectively, in matters not strictly academic.



SECTION II. The Association shall have the power of inflicting penalties to enforce its decisions to the extent of expelling a member from the Association.

## ARTICLE V.

SECTION I. The executive power of the Association shall be vested in the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; an Executive Committee composed of the four officers and three other members; and a Board of Proctors consisting of the four officers, and one Proctor from each district.

SECTION II A. Said officers shall be nominated by acclamation at a meeting of the Association held in May, the nominations to be reduced to two by ballot and the elections to be made by ballot a week later at the annual meeting of the Association.

SECTION II B. The officers and other three members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually by ballot of the Association, and shall enter upon their duty immediately upon the conclusion of all elections.

SECTION II C. The Proctors shall be elected quarterly by ballot of the Association, one Proctor from each district.

SECTION III A 1st. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Association; to act as Chairman of the

Executive Committee, and of the Board of Proctors; to represent the students of the college on all occasions when the students require such a representation; and to perform all other duties which pertain to the office of the President of the Association.

SECTION III A 2nd. The President of the Association, as Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Board of Proctors, shall have the power of calling a meeting of any committee, or committees in the Association.

SECTION III B. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of said President.

SECTION III C. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, and to keep a permanent record of the same; to report to the Faculty of the College for ratification, all amendments to the constitution or the by-laws adopted by the Association; to submit to the President of the College for her approval, lists of officers, committees, boards or other bodies appointed by the Association or its officers; to attend to all correspondence of the Association, not coming directly under the duties of the Treasurer; and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary of the Association. She shall also act as Secretary of the Executive Committee and the Board of Proctors.

SECTION III D. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of the Association; all fines imposed by the Executive Committee and the Association; to keep a strict account of all money of the Association; and to expend the same according to the direction of the Executive Committee of the Association.

## ARTICLE VI.

SECTION I. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to see that judicial decisions and legislative resolutions of the Association are carried into effect; to execute its own decrees in matters not covered by such legislative resolutions; the action of the committee, however, to be in all cases subject to revision or repeal by the Association sitting as a judicial body.

SECTION II. It shall also be the duty of the Executive Committee to inflict penalties in accordance with the scheme of penalties allowed by the Faculty, for all breaches of rules reported to it by the Proctors; to receive reports of the neglect of duty of any Proctor, and to inflict penalties on the same to the extent of removing them from office or expulsion from the Association.

SECTION III. The Executive Committee shall have the power of summoning before it at its discretion any committee or board, any mem-

ber or members of the Association, or of said committees or boards.

## ARTICLE VII.

SECTION I. It shall be the duty of the Board of Proctors to enforce the rules of the Association and to report to the Executive Committee all serious breaches of rules.

SECTION II. Each Proctor shall be responsible for obedience to the rules in her own district, and shall submit a report of her district to the Board of Proctors at the request of the chairman of said Board.

## ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION I A. The judicial power of the Association shall be vested in the Association sitting as a judicial body which shall constitute the highest court wherein the rule of the majority, consisting of two-thirds of the members of the Association, shall prevail.

SECTION I B. And—the Executive Committee, which shall constitute the lower court, before which all matters must first be brought, and from which alone an appeal may be made to the whole Association.

## ARTICLE IX.

A majority of those members of the Association who may be present at a meeting of the Association, in the presence of a quorum, shall

have all executive, legislative and judicial powers not prohibited in this constitution, and may confer authority upon the officers, or upon the Executive Committee, or upon any committee or committees that may be hereafter constituted.

#### ARTICLE X.

Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Association, or in the Executive Committee or Board of Proctors, it shall be filled by special election by the Association; the nominations being made by the Executive Committee. In case no one of the nominees should be elected by those members of the Association who may be present at a meeting of the Association in the presence of a quorum, the Association shall have the power to recommend for the consideration of the Executive Committee such persons as it shall deem worthy of the office.

#### ARTICLE XI.

On the basis of a petition signed by one-tenth of the members of the Association, amendments to this constitution may be proposed to the Association sitting as a legislative body, which shall become valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by two-thirds majority of the Association and approved by the Faculty of the college.

## BY-LAWS.

### RESOLUTION I.

*Resolved*, That the constitution and by-laws of this Association be printed and a copy given to every member of the Association.

### RESOLUTION II.

*Resolved*, That forty-eight hours previous to any meeting of the Association, a notice of said meeting be posted on the students' bulletin boards. In cases requiring immediate or private action this regulation may be set aside by the President.

### RESOLUTION III.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee, sitting as a court, be empowered to require testimony from any member of the Association, and to inflict a penalty for refusal to testify except in cases where for good and sufficient reasons it shall see fit to excuse the witness.

### RESOLUTION IV.

*Resolved*, That in cases where the Executive Committee proceeds in the face of a denial, a reprimand shall issue or other penalty be im-

posed by the said committee only on the basis of a formal statement, signed by the Executive Committee, giving the nature of the testimony and the names of the witnesses. Such signed statement shall be presented to the accused if demanded by her.

#### RESOLUTION V.

*Resolved*, That the immediate responsibility for the conduct of the students outside the dormitories rest with the Executive Committee.

#### RESOLUTION VI.

*Resolved*, That the election of the Proctors be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and that they be removed by the committee any time, if deemed inefficient in the performance of their duties.

#### RESOLUTION VII.

*Resolved*, That in the dormitories there shall be absolute quiet during the following hours:

Monday,	8:30 A. M.-12:00.
	10:30 P. M.- 6:45 A.M.
Tuesday,	8:30 A. M.-12:40 P. M.
Wednesday,	2:00 P. M.- 3:40 P. M.
Thursday,	7:00 P. M.-10:00 P. M.
Friday,	10:30 P. M.- 6:45 A. M.

Saturday,     8:30 A. M.-12:40 P. M.  
                   2:00 P. M.- 3:40 P. M.  
                   10:30 P. M.- 7:30 A. M.

Sunday,        The conduct in the halls and dormitories shall be quiet and dignified at all times, and there shall be absolute quiet between 10:30 P. M.-6:45 A. M.

#### RESOLUTION VIII.

*Resolved*, That students shall not receive men in their studies without the presence of a chaperon, unless with the written permission of the President of the college.

#### RESOLUTION IX.

*Resolved*, 1. That Proctors shall hand in to the Executive Committee a weekly report regarding their district.

*Resolved*, 2. That all Proctors who do not hand in reports at time designated by the President of the Association shall be fined a quarter.

#### RESOLUTION IX.

*Resolved*, That a Proctor shall report specifically as to names and offences.



## RESOLUTION X.

*Resolved*, That if a Proctor leaves her district she shall appoint a substitute for whose action she will be responsible.

## RESOLUTION XI.

*Resolved*, That members of the Executive Committee be special Proctors.

## INTERPRETATION :

The above resolution is interpreted as follows : That members of the Executive Committee have the power of Proctors at all times.

## RESOLUTION XII.

*Resolved* 1. That each student may be late to three meals per week.

2. That each student shall pay a fine of a quarter for every tardiness to meals after the three allowed per week.

3. That there shall be a Proctor for each table to record attendance at meals and report the same weekly to the President of the Association.

4. That all table Proctors who do not hand in reports at time designated by the President of the Association shall be fined a quarter.

## RESOLUTION XIII.

*Resolved* 1. That Proctors shall be secretly appointed by the President of the Association to keep chapel attendance, said Proctors to hand in a nightly report.

2. That for each failure to hand in said report a fine of five cents be imposed.

## RESOLUTION XIV.

*Resolved*, That each student register one hour's daily exercise or be excused by the doctor.

2. That a fine of a quarter be imposed for each day's failure to take one hour's daily exercise.

3. That a fine of a quarter be imposed for the failure to hand in to the Executive Committee a weekly registration for said exercise.

## RESOLUTION XV.

*Resolved*, That the Student Government Association dues shall be fifty cents per semester.

## RESOLUTION XVI.

*Resolved*, That all disregard for dated "study" signs be reported to the Executive Committee.

## RESOLUTION XVII.

*Resolved*, That chafing dishes shall not be used on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday nights.

## RESOLUTION XVIII.

*Resolved*, That when the number of members of the Association shall reach one hundred, no one student shall hold at one time more than two majors, or one major and two minor offices.

## RESOLUTION XIX.

*Resolved*, That the students be not allowed to throw trash of any kind on the campus.

## RESOLUTION XX.

*Resolved*, That the students be not allowed to mark or otherwise mar the school furniture.

## RESOLUTION XXI.

*Resolved*, 1. That all persons pursuing studies at Sweet Briar are expected to conform to the rules of the Association in regard to order and quiet.

2. That all guests of students are expected to conform to the rules of the Association in regard to order and quiet.

## RESOLUTION XXII.

*Resolved*, That any student who believes herself to have been unjustly reported by any member of the Executive Committee or Board of Proctors shall have the right to ask that a special meeting of the Executive Committee be called. At said meeting a statement of facts concerning the offence shall be made by the Proctor, and the student, and witnesses, if any, after which a vote of the quorum of the Executive Committee shall be taken and the decision of the majority abided by. But the student may appeal to the Association through the Executive Committee.

## **Penalties Imposed by the Executive Committee.**

### **Penalties for Unexcused Absences from Chapel.**

1. For one unexcused absence from chapel a student shall be summoned before the Executive Committee.

For two she shall be put on probation.

For three she shall be suspended from the Association and put under Faculty supervision for two weeks.

### **For the Violation of Rules (Lights, Drawing Water and any other Disturbances) after 10 P. M.**

For the first violation a student shall be called before the President of the Association.

For the second, she shall be called before the Executive Committee.

For the third she shall be suspended from the Association and put under Faculty supervision for two weeks.

### **Penalties for Defiance to Proctor.**

For the first defiance to Proctor, a student shall be called before the Executive Committee.

For the second she shall be put on probation.

For the third she shall be suspended from the Association and put under Faculty supervision for two weeks.

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A student who is suspended from the Student Government Association shall be put under the direct supervision of the teacher on whose corridor such student rooms.





